

JCPC Minutes

June 26, 2002

Members Present:

Linda Allsberry	Rachell Botts	Makiya Jenkins
Arnold Dennis	Becky Heron	Paul Savory
Corinne Mabry	Don Phillips	Karen Thompson
Donna Smith	Terrance Taylor (Chair)	
Carolyn Titus	Greg Brown	

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:20 PM. New member, Makiya Jenkins was introduced to the group. Announcement was made re. the Duke/NCCU Grant that will provide support to at risk children. Michael Palmer of Duke and Beverly Washington Jones of NCCU will head the grant. Becky Heron suggested that we invite them to a meeting. Representatives from both of these groups need to know that we exist. Duke has also received an endowment to examine child abuse and fatality in Durham County. Over a ten-year period, they will receive 10 million dollars. Mary Ann Black heads this grant.

The importance of tracking or follow-up is being recognized and some groups are beginning to take appropriate steps to do so. Sharing information can definitely help with planning. It will help answer questions such as:

1. What did we do?
2. How did it help?
3. What could we have done differently?
4. What other assistance was available?

Rachel announced that *Parents Against Gangs* has also received a grant. A program similar to *DARE* trains 27-30 officers. Dollars are based on the number of students, up to 4th grade, that are taught. Each of the officers must teach for 26 hours. ADF does the initial training.

This is a good time for a needs assessment across the county, looking at goals and objectives and impact of different programs on these goals. Greg stated that this is the time to think, plan, and do. This action will assist in the funding decisions we make each year. Greg made the follow:

Motion:

At our next meeting, we begin to formulate a strategic plan that has a clear and definite goal. The plan should list objectives to achieve that goal and give projected margins for improvement that can be used to determine success or failure. The plan should provide for a review of all presently funded programs to determine if they support the listed

objectives. In the future, we should commit to only funding those programs that clearly support the listed objectives.

Mickey seconded the motion. It passed 14-0.

Donny suggested we begin the implementation process by first identifying where we fit into the overall plan as laid out by the State. This plan can be found in, "The State of Durham Children". Discussion ensued re. How each member may obtain a copy. Danny's office has a copy.

The July meeting is cancelled. Our next meeting will be: The 28th of August.

YCB is not able to fund capped positions. At its June 14th meeting, it voted to abolish the Board. The six staff positions no longer exist. The four members of the staff have other positions: Donna is in Atlanta; Jeff is with Child Support; Yolanda is with Durham County Human Resources; Hubie is with Parks & Recreation. The \$15,000.00 allotted for the ½ position of secretary has been given to COOP.

Becky pointed out that we should write a job description so that any person that we may be allowed to hire knows exactly what we expect. After discussion, it was agreed that we will need funds available for postage and emergency helter care. By our August meeting, we are to decide where we will find funds for administrative costs. Karen has stated on this process and, those with suggestions, should contact her. She agreed to fax the information she has gathered, so far, to each member for input.

Donny shared information re. Zeist Foundation.

Regarding appointments to JCPC:

Attendance records of present members should be sent to Becky. Attendance records of present members should be sent to Becky. Dates of expiration of service should be listed. Vacancies should be listed.

It is with mixed feelings that we accept Donna's resignation. Donna Smith ahs served this Board and represented Durham Public Schools well. We will miss her. We wish her well.

Meeting adjourned at 5:16 PM.